

President Biden's Budget Proposes Unemployment Fraud Measures Rejected by Ways and Means Democrats

Ways and Means Democrats unanimously voted against the *Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act* (H.R. 1163) - to recover billions in misspent funds and gain restitution for taxpayers.

President's FY 2024 budget request includes several of the same fraud recovery and prevention measures Democrats railed against during the mark-up of H.R. 1163, including:

- Allowing states to keep 5% of recovered overpayments of unemployment benefits and reinvest those dollars in program integrity and fraud prevention.
 - Included in Section 3 of H.R. 1163.
- Matching unemployment claims data against the National Directory of New Hires to verify when someone receiving unemployment becomes employed.
 - o Included in Section 4 of H.R. 1163.
- Extending the statute of limitations for criminal charges and civil actions for prosecuting fraud from 5 to 10 years, as recommended by the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee in testimony provided to the Ways and Means Committee.
 - o Included in Section 6 of H.R. 1163.

Bottom line: Ways and Means Democrats Continue to Ignore the Greatest Theft of Taxpayer Dollars In American History and Oppose Bipartisan Solutions to Gain Restitution for Victims and Taxpayers.